

**Town of Superior**  
**Recycling and Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAC)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**July 14, 2016**

Members of the Committee in attendance: Essie Snell, Colleen Callin, Michelle Horton (Chair).  
Absent: Tanya Sun, Kimberly Owens, Lisa Skumatz, Joe Keenan. Quorum *not* present.

Others in attendance:

Town Board Liaison: Trustee Joe Cirelli.

Rock Creek Master Homeowners Association Representative: Jim Paine.

Consultant: Sharon Procopio of Illumina Design.

Staff: Martin Toth, Assistant Town Manager.

Agenda Items:

1. New Business and Updates

- a. Event Recap – July 4 and reminder for Chili Fest (September 10, 2:00 – 6:00 pm) – Essie and Tanya staffed a booth for the Committee at the Town’s July 4 event and distributed the reusable shopping bags. Calendar note to remind Committee members who are available to staff a booth at Chili Fest.
  - b. Committee reappointment schedule – the Town Board appointed Michelle for a new term during their June 27 meeting. Reminder to help recruit to fill the two current vacancies on the Committee.
  - c. Newsletter and website information – this month’s newsletter included bulk item disposal options, wind-blown trash and recycling collection days info, EnergySmart tips, Yard Waste Site expanded hours, transit program info, link to discount coupon for Superior residents to discard items at Eco-Cycle’s Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM), irrigation audit program info and water efficiency rebate program info, and Doo Good pet pick-up reminder.
  - d. 2017 Budget – Town staff’s budget review team and the Town Manager are completing their review of budget submittals from each department. The Town Board Finance Committee meetings to review the preliminary budget will be scheduled for next month. Staff will notify the Committee of the dates and times once finalized. The meetings are open and citizens are welcome to attend and participate.
  - e. Colleen is interested in presenting the idea of hosting a Superior-resident only freecycle, with a searchable database of items for residents to provide to other residents. She will plan to attend an upcoming Youth Leadership Council meeting to suggest that group take on this project.
2. Discussion – Commercial Green Building Requirements Follow-up. Sharon Procopio discussed with the Committee ideas to enhance the level of sustainability of the

commercial buildings being constructed at Superior Town Center and the rest of the community. The Committee discussed building code options, including the City of Boulder's recently approved ordinance to increase energy conservation requirements for new commercial buildings by 30% across the board, benchmarking to track building efficiency over time after construction, and then adopting a greenbuilding code that would require a higher level of construction standards (similar to LEED's voluntary standards, but mandated as an additional construction code requirement beyond the current code standards).

The Committee initially is interested in looking at assembling a list of options from which to choose for builders to incorporate as part of their project approval (such as electric vehicle charging stations, solar installation, or water harvesting), and then developing a recommendation to the Board to consider this list as part of the development review process going forward. This could include a menu of options, from simple/less costly to more complex/costly, with the Board determining whether one or more items from the list would be included as part of their consideration of approval for a development project. The Committee's sense is that having options to choose from that are negotiated by the Board during individual development reviews may be favorable to the Board over adopting elevated code standards. The list of options would provide flexibility to include the community's vision for greater sustainability through policy decisions, and do so in a manner that does not require additional administration and oversight resources to meet new construction standards. The Committee agreed to review the reference material introduced during this meeting regarding benchmarking, construction code and energy code standards, and then look at examples of options from other jurisdictions to develop a recommended list for the Town Board to consider. The Committee will plan to continue this dialog next month.

3. Leadership Election. Each Town Committee is required to elect new officers for a one-year term by the second Committee meeting of the calendar year. Without quorum, this is an update session and not a meeting, so the Committee can discuss this item at their next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 11, 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall